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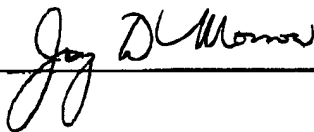
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : A Nutritional Supplement for Lowering Serum
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice or disclaimer.

A petition for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) and fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a), a notice of appeal pursuant to 37 CFR §1.191 and fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(b), and an interview summary pursuant to 37 CFR §1.133(b) are submitted herewith.

In the claims

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A nutritional supplement for lowering cholesterol and triglyceride levels in the blood stream of a subject, said nutritional supplement comprising: a sterol ester of an omega-3 fatty acid, wherein said omega-3 fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of eicosapentaenoic acid 20:5 ω 3 (EPA), docosahexaenoic acid 22:6 ω 3 (DHA) and stearidonic acid 18:4 ω 3 (SA).

Please rewrite claim 34 as follows: